23. Employment of demonstration parties.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I do not move it.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn:—

"This Council recommends to the Government that the employment of demonstration parties be tried experimentally in selected places to try and prove to the ryots the advantages of improved methods of agriculture in rural areas."

24. Standing Finance Committee.

Deputy President.—Resolution No. 24 by Mr. A. B. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I rise to move that *"this Council recommends to the Government to invest the non-official Members of the Standing Finance Committee elected by this House with the powers of scrutinising the detailed expenditure of votable funds allotted for the various Departments of the State in the budget, for the purpose of seeing that money is spent properly or to appoint a new Public Accounts Committee composed of a majority of non-official Members of this House for such scrutiny."*

Sir, my object in tabling this resolution is to bring to the notice of the House and of the Government that many votable items of expenditure that are budgetted and for which money is allotted lapse during the course of the financial year; and many votable items of expenditure are exhausted even before the financial year is out, and additional allotments are also required by certain spending Departments. In all these matters, if the particular Departments that are in charge of the allotments have an idea that they alone are responsible for the spending of it and there is nobody to check them, it is impossible for the Secretary or for the Diwan to check the course of expenditure. Therefore, many useful works and many works of utility to the public are lost sight of, because there is no one to remind them. In the Assembly, as regards the votable items of expenditure, a Public Accounts Committee is appointed from the non-official Members so that in the working of the administration the democratic part, which is allied with bureaucracy, gets training into the actual working of the Departments. It is essential that the non-official Members sitting here, if they are to be closely associated with the working of the Government, ought to be trained to take charge of the responsibility in the immediate future or in the time to come. In the fullness of time they must have this training along with the officials. Therefore, this close association of a committee from the non-official Members or the investing of powers to the Members of the Standing Finance Committee itself is essential. If you invest

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